

Pet Food Exported to Turkey from the United States

Ineligible products:

The following pet foods are not eligible for export to Turkey:

- Pet food containing any ruminant origin ingredients (other than dairy or hides or skins) if that pet food is **manufactured, labeled, packaged, or stored in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama**. Even if the ruminant origin ingredients are imported from a BSE free country, the pet food is banned.
- Pet food containing US origin ruminant origin ingredients (other than dairy or hides or skins).
- Pet food containing poultry ingredients if that pet food is manufactured in the State of West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska- unless all poultry origin ingredients (including coatings) are heated at a minimum of 110° C under a minimum pressure of 1.36 atm for a minimum of 10 seconds.

Eligible products:

Turkey is believed to permit the import of the following pet food only:

- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients.
- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients except for dairy or hides or skins.
- Pet food containing no ruminant origin ingredients except for those imported from countries recognized by Turkey as being free of BSE, **IF** this pet food is not processed in any way in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama.
- Pet food containing poultry origin ingredients if the pet food is manufactured in States other than West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska.
- Pet food containing poultry origin ingredients, if the pet food is manufactured in the States of West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska, and all poultry origin ingredients in the pet food are heated at a minimum of 110° C under a minimum pressure of 1.36 atm for a minimum of 10 seconds.

Certification Requirements

Pet food shipments must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2004 Version) with the following **four** exact items added to the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATION” area. **(No additional attestations may be included on the certificate. The statements may not be paraphrased or changed in any way.) See note at the end of this article on Roman number III.**

- I. The statement “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert manufacturer’s name here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.”
- II. One of the following statements:

OPTION A [Required for pet food containing poultry and manufactured in states other than West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska]:

The statement “The pet food originates from *[insert name of state manufacturer is located in]* State.”
[The state must not be West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska.]

OPTION B [Required for pet food containing poultry and manufactured in West Virginia, Virginia, or Nebraska]:

The statement "All poultry origin ingredients in the pet food have been heated to a minimum of 110° C under a minimum pressure of 1.36 atm for a minimum of 10 seconds."

OPTION C [Required for pet food containing no ingredients originating from poultry]:

The statement "The pet food does not contain any ingredients derived from poultry."

III. [Only required for pet food that is not canned.] The statement "*The pet food was analyzed by a random sampling of at least five samples from each lot with the following standards:*

Salmonella: absence in 25g: $n = 5$, $c = 0$, $m = 0$, $M = 0$,

Enterobacteriaceae: $n = 5$, $c = 2$, $m = 10$, $M = 300$ in 1 gram;

Where:

n = number of samples to be tested,

m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all samples does not exceed m ,

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more samples is M or more, and

c = number of samples the bacterial count of which may be between m and M , the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other samples is m or less."

IV. One of the following 3 statements:

Option A (for pet food not containing any ruminant origin materials):

"Certified pet food does not contain any ruminant origin materials."

OR

Option B (for pet food containing no ruminant origin materials except for hides or skins):

"Certified pet food does not contain any ruminant origin materials except for [insert as appropriate: dairy or hides or skins]."

OR

Option C (for pet food containing ruminant origin ingredients other than hides and skins- which must be imported)

"Certified pet food:

1. Was not manufactured in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama; AND
2. Does not contain any ruminant origin material [insert/complete as appropriate: *except for dairy products, ruminant hides or skins,* _____ *originating in and imported from* _____ *(insert country name).*]"***

***Each ruminant origin item should be listed, and for those (except dairy and hides and skins) the country of origin should be detailed. This country must be one recognized by Turkey as free of BSE.

Note regarding laboratory results (Roman number III above).

Lab reports: In order for this statement to be included on the certificate, lot specific test reports must be presented to the APHIS Area Office endorsing the certificate with the certificate. Those reports may not be part of the certificate itself.

Control certificates issued prior to June 29, 2007: This new requirement was implemented on June 29, 2007. It is believed that in cases where the importer received a control certificate prior to June 29, 2007, this statement is not required. Control certificates are good for 6 months. In cases where exporters can produce a control certificate dated prior to June 29, 2007 (but within the last 6 months prior to the expected entry of the product into Turkey), APHIS will endorse export certificates without this statement on the certificate. After December 29, 2007, all certificates will be required to have this statement- regardless of the date of the control certificate.